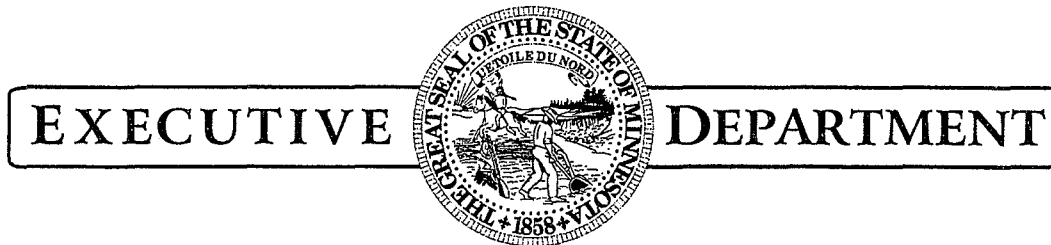


STATE of MINNESOTA



JESSE VENTURA
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER 99-7
PROVIDING FOR PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY
FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS AND CONTINUING
THE ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE
LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF MINNEAPOLIS;
RESCINDING EXECUTIVE ORDER 86-5

I, JESSE VENTURA, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, provision of protection and advocacy to people with mental illness is of concern and importance to the state; and

WHEREAS, 42 U.S.C. § 10801 et seq., provides for allotments to states for the purposes of ensuring that the rights of individuals with mental illness are protected and advocated in conformance with constitutional, federal and state mandates including the Bill of Rights for mental health patients (42 U.S.C. § 10841) concerning provision of appropriate treatment and services, and assisting states to establish and operate a protection and advocacy system for individuals with mental illness, which shall be independent of any agency that provides treatment or services (other than advocacy services) to this population; and

WHEREAS, 42 U.S.C § 10801 et seq., specifies that the eligible agency is the designated state system which has been established to protect and advocate the rights of people with developmental disabilities under Part C of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (42 U.S.C. § 6041);

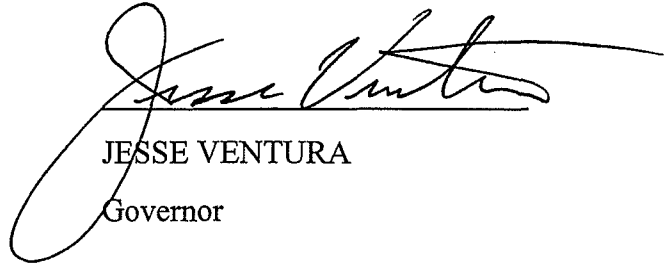
NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order that:

1. In accordance with 42 U.S.C § 10801, a mental health protection and advocacy system be maintained.
2. The Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis is designated as the protection and advocacy system for people with developmental disabilities and therefore is the designated protection and advocacy agency for mental health under 42 U.S.C. § 10801 et seq.
3. The Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis shall maintain an advisory board for the mental health population and advocacy system. The committee shall have at least nine members and will conform with the membership requirements of 42 U.S.C. § 10801 et seq. The committee shall meet at least quarterly.
4. The Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis shall pursue all types of administrative, legal and other appropriate remedies to ensure the protection of rights of individuals with mental illness.
5. The Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis shall follow all applicable laws and rules of the State of Minnesota including the Data Practices Act.

This Order shall be reviewed by the Governor, in consultation with the affected agency or agencies, every two years in order to assess its reasonableness and need

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 4.035, subd. 2, this Order shall be effective fifteen (15) days after publication in the State Register and filing with the Secretary of State and shall remain in effect until rescinded by proper authority or it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 4.035, subd. 3.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this second day of April, 1999.



JESSE VENTURA
Governor

Filed According to Law:



MARY KIFFMEYER
Secretary of State

